

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

8 January 1954

Present

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Members: [REDACTED], CIA, Chairman
CIA
Stanley Wilcox, State
John A. Lacey, State
Maj. Howard G. Neumann, Air Force

Consultants: Charles Stanley, State

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[REDACTED], CIA
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Observers: [REDACTED] CIA
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[REDACTED], Dept. of Defense

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1. The seventeenth meeting convened at 1400 hours, 8 January 1954, in Room 2125 M Building.

2. The minutes of the sixteenth meeting were approved with the following amendments:

a. By CIA, [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

(1) Page 3, paragraph 6, third line delete "effectively."

(2) Page 3, paragraph 2b, second sentence add the words "In general" before the word "Periodicals."

(3) Page 4, paragraph 6, 2c, first sentence after "materials" add "such a complete treatment is requested for two Chinese newspapers at this time."

b. By State, Mr. Lacey:

(1) Page 1, paragraph 2, 2a, fourth sentence after "political," insert "and economic" and after "coverage" add "of periodicals."

(2) Same paragraph, fifth sentence after "coverage" add "of periodicals."

(3) Same paragraph, delete the last sentence.

(4) Mr. Lacey stated that he wishes to clarify the fact that the statement on Page 2, in 2c of the 16th minutes was not intended to convey the thought that all reports should be produced in unclassified form and requested that FDD's present practice regarding unclassified reports be stated in the record as that was a satisfactory step in keeping with the needs of State Department.

FDD is now issuing reports formerly classified as "Restricted" in unclassified form with however a cover sheet stamped "For Official Use Only," and carrying the following warning:

"This report is disseminated for the information of the Intelligence Advisory Committee agencies only. If further dissemination is necessary, this cover sheet must be removed and CIA must not be identified as the source."

3. Referring to Page 4, Item 7 of the 16th minutes, Mr. Lacey stated that the Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service does not work solely against Joint Economic requirements. The unit operates under the Consulate General and they are there to satisfy his needs but they will be responsive to direct request from Washington agencies and will accept requirements within the limits of their translation facilities.

4. Mr. Lacey queried the authority for placing the "coordination" function with FDD as stated by [REDACTED] in the 16th minutes. The Chairman quoted the verbage of NSCID-16 as follows:

"The Director of Central Intelligence shall ensure the coordination of the above activities [Foreign language exploitation and indexing] as well as the coordination of translation services, with similar activities maintained by the intelligence agencies in accordance with their needs; such coordination shall not prejudice the maintenance of facilities necessary to meet departmental demands."

He then stated that the coordination function applicable to exploitation had been delegated by the Director to FDD.

At this point a general discussion arose as to the meaning of the word "coordination." The Chairman stated that he interpreted it to mean that it was the responsibility of FDD to make sure that each agency knows what the other is doing in the field of exploitation leading to a cooperative effort on the part of each to minimize duplication.

Mr. Lacey queried the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence to coordinate such activities as Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service as it was a part of the foreign service and did not come under the jurisdiction of the State Department Intelligence. The latter therefore had no authority to direct any adjustment of its activities.

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The Chairman suggested that if the Committee believed any division of workload were desirable it could recommend that the DCI make such representation to the Department of State or it could recommend that FDD and OIR work together in devising some solution to the problem.

Mr. Lacey queried as to what the Committee had done with "common service" and stated that some clear definition of needs in common service should be determined.

The Chairman stated that we would have to enter a new phase and the Committee were the representatives to recommend how such a common service shall be implemented to meet the expressed needs of the agencies.

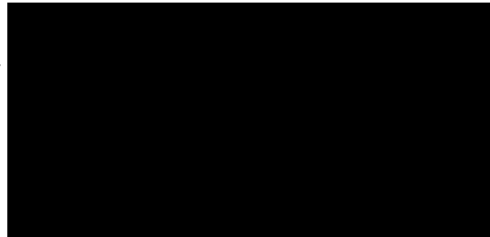
5. The Chairman stated that as the examination of China exploitation has been concluded he would like the Committee to undertake to combine the recommendations and consider a first draft at a special meeting as was being done with USSR exploitation. In this way the committee could proceed with its examination of scientific and technical exploitation at its next regular meeting.

Mr. Lacey objected to termination of examinations stating that there were other matters to be considered than those covered in the agenda and that he would like to place State's position regarding Outer Mongolia in the record before recommendations were drafted.

Army and Navy being absent, State and CIA constituted a majority and another meeting will be held on China-Outer Mongolia.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1540 hours, 8 January 1954. The next meeting will be the final hearing on China-Outer Mongolia and will be held at 1400 hours, 22 January 1954 in Room 2125 M Building.

7. The first meeting on the examination of exploitation of scientific and technical publications will be held at 1400 hours, 5 February 1954, in Room 2125 M Building.



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